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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2003. A two-month extension of time is requested. Any fee occasioned by this paper, and not accounted for herein, may be charged, or overpayment credited, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.